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SUBJECT: VISIT AMBASSADOR GERARD SMITHALTHOUGH THERE WILL BE NO PRESS CONFERENCE DURING SMITH VISIT,  
POST FEELS THAT THE AMBASSADOR SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE CURRENT  
TENOR OF THE PRESS REGARDING US/ARGENTINE AFFAIRS.  
THE FOLLOWING ARE GENERAL POINTS OF DEPARTURE THE PRESS HAS  
TAKEN IN RECENT MONTHS ON NUCLEAR AND HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES.

## NUCLEAR:

NOTE: POST HAS SUPPLIED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROACHES TO  
ANSWERS ON THESE QUESTIONS IN NUMEROUS EARLIER CABLES.1. WHY HAS THE US SINGLED OUT ARGENTINA TO APPLY PRESSURE  
FOR IT TO SIGN INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARD PROVISIONS? IS THE  
US STILL PUTTING PRESSURE ON WEST GERMANY TO DEMAND FULL  
SCOPE SAFEGUARDS FROM ARGENTINA FOR ATUCHA II?2. WILL THE US CONTINUE TO INSIST THAT ARGENTINA RATIFY  
THE TREATY OF TLAELCLO?3. WHAT IS THE TYPE OF NUCLEAR COOPERATION THAT ARGENTINA  
MIGHT EXPECT TO RECEIVE FROM THE US GIVEN THE  
RESTRICTIONS OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION ACT?4. WHEN THE US SPEAKS OF "HARMONIZING" THEIR "NUCLEAR  
EXPORT POLICIES WITH OTHER KEY COUNTRIES", ISN'T THAT  
ANOTHER WAY OF SAYING THAT THEY ARE ENFORCING THE WILL  
OF THE US ON SOVEREIGN NATIONS?5. WHO WILL THE RECENT STREAMLINING OF US NUCLEAR EXPORT  
LICENSING SYSTEM AFFECT ARGENTINA?6. DOES THE US FEAR THAT TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN  
THE USSR AND ARGENTINA WILL LEAD TO STRONGER BILATERAL  
RELATIONS WITH THAT COUNTRY? ISN'T APPARENT THAT  
MOST OF OUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS ARE THE  
RESULT OF BEING TURNED DOWN BY THE US?7. ADM. CASTRO MADERO SAYS ARGENTINA WILL ASSIST TECHNICALLY  
IN THE FORMATION OF A LATIN-AMERICAN NUCLEAR BLOCK IN  
ORDER TO FACILITATE THE EXCHANGE OF NUCLEAR INFORMATION  
DENIED IT BY THE SUPERPOWERS. THIS BLOCK FORMED ALONG  
THE LINES OF EURATOM WOULD DEFEND THIS REGION'S RIGHT  
TO HAVE SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGY AND MAKE THE BEST USE OUT  
OF HUMAN AND NATURAL RESOURCES. WHAT IS YOUR REACTION  
TO THIS?8. WHAT IS THE US FEELING ABOUT THE PROPOSED NUCLEAR  
AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND  
BRAZIL?

9. WAS THE US DISAPPOINTED AT THE OUTCOME OF THE INFCE?

10. WHAT IS THE US REACTION TO THE CONTRACT SIGNED RECENTLY  
WITH SULZER BROS. OF SWITZERLAND TO SUPPLY A HEAVY  
WATER PLANT?

## HUMAN RIGHTS:

NOTE: POST HAS SUGGESTED APPROACHES FOR REPLIES IN THIS CASE.

1. Q.---- AS THE UNITED STATES CHANGED ITS ATTITUDE TOWARDS  
ALLEGED ARGENTINE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN ORDER TO  
GAIN ARGENTINA'S SUPPORT ON A GRAIN EMBARGO AGAINST THE  
USSR?A.--- NO. THE US HAS NEVER LINKED HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS  
AND THE GRAIN ISSUE. THE PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT OF  
HUMAN RIGHTS REMAINS ONE OF THE CENTRAL PURPOSES OF  
AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY.2. Q.--- WASN'T THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT ON THE HUMAN  
RIGHTS SITUATION IN ARGENTINA MODIFIED AND SOFTENED AFTER  
THE VISIT OF GENERAL GOODPASTER?A.--- ABSOLUTELY NOT. THAT REPORT ACCURATELY REFLECTED  
THE PROGRESS AND THE PROBLEMS ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES  
IN ARGENTINA.

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3. Q---WHAT IS THE USG'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE ARGENTINE  
GOVERNMENT'S PLAN TO RETURN THE COUNTRY TO DEMOCRACY?  
THE US HAS BEEN VERY OUTSPOKE ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES  
BUT HAS NOT SAID ANYTHING ABOUT POLITICAL DEMOCRACY IN  
ARGENTINA. ARE YOU GOING TO PRESSURE THE GOVERNMENT TO  
ACCELERATE THE REDEMOCRATIZATION PROCESS?

A--- UNTIMATELY, OF COURSE, HUMAN RIGHTS AS WE AND  
ARGENTINA UNDERSTAND THEM ARE MOST SECURE IN THE CONTEXT  
OF A STABLE, PLURALISTIC DEMOCRACY. WE OF COURSE WELCOME  
ANY STEPS IN THE DIRECTION. I WOULD THINK, HOWEVER, THAT  
SUCH POSITIVE EVOLUTION MUST BE THE WORK OF ARGENTINE CHOICE  
AND ARGENTINE DECISIONS IF IT IS TO BE LASTING AND REAL.

4. Q--- WHY DOES THE US IGNORE THE MARXIST TERRORISM THAT  
ALMOST DESTROYED ARGENTINA CHOOSING TO CONCENTRATE ITS  
HUMAN RIGHTS CRITICISM ON THE EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT TO  
SAVE THE NATION?

A--- I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE IGNORED TERRORISM. IN  
ARGENTINA OR ELSEWHERE. WE ARE FATER ALL, A NATION WHICH  
HAS SUFFERED FROM TERRORIST OUTRAGES. AS YOU ARE AWARE,  
AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY HAS ALWAYS SOUGHT TO EXPRESS  
AMERICA'S VALUES. ONLY THROUGH SUCH EXPRESSION CAN OUR  
POLICY ENJOY THE SUPPORT OF OUR PEOPLE. THOSE VALUES CAUSE  
US TO OPPOSE AND REJECT THE IRRATIONAL VIOLENCE OF TERRORISM.  
BUT THOSE SAME VALUES ALSO DEMAND THAT WE SPEAK FORTHRIGHTLY  
IN THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

5. Q--- WHY DID THE US PUSH ARGENTINA SO HARD ON  
HUMAN RIGHTS WHILE IT IGNORED AND IGNORES HUMAN RIGHTS  
VIOLATIONS IN OIL PRODUCING AN SPECIAL INTEREST  
COUNTRIES SUCH AS SOUTH KOREA, THE PHILIPPINES, CHINA  
AND EVEN THE SOVIET UNION?

A---FIRST, I THINK THAT MANY OF THE COUNTRIES YOU  
MENTION WOULD HARDLY AGREE WITH YOU THAT WE HAVE IGNORED  
THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION. SECOND, I THINK IT IS  
ALSO SAFE TO SAY THAT BECAUSE WE SHARE HUMAN, POLITICAL  
AND CULTURAL VALUES WITH ARGENTINA, OUR ATTENTION AND CONCERN  
IS MORE EASILY DRAWN AND FOCUSED ON THIS COUNTRY WHEN  
HUMAN RIGHTS BECOMES AN IMPORTANT ISSUE.

6. Q--- WHY DID THE US NOT LIVE UP TO THE AGREEMENT MADE  
DURING GENERAL GOODPASTER'S VISIT, THAT ITS DELEGATION TO  
THE UNHRC MEETING IN GENEVA WOULD NOT BE HOSTILE TO  
ARGENTINA? WE ARE TOLD THAT, IN FACT, THE US DELEGATION  
WAS VERY HOSTILE TO ARGENTINA, AGGRESSIVELY PURSUING ANTI-  
ARGENTINE POSITIONS.

A--- AT GENEVA OUR DELEGATION SOUGHT TO FAITHFULLY  
REFLECT THE POSITION OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION WHICH,  
I EMPHASIZE, WAS NOT INTENDED TO BE AGGRESSIVE OR HOSTILE TO  
ARGENTINA. CLEARLY, OUR TWO DELEGATIONS DID NOT ALWAYS SEE  
EYE TO EYE ON SPECIFIC ISSUES. BUT SUCH DIFFERENCES SHOULD  
NOT BE INTERPRETED AS AN AGGRESSIVE POLICY TOWARD  
ARGENTINA--- A POLICY WHICH WOULD OF COURSE BE OUT

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